

Minutes

Indigenous Advisory Council

Monday, January 9

2:00 PM PST – 4:00 PM PST

In-Person Meeting Location: Seattle City Hall 600 4th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104
L280 – Boards and Commission Room, Seattle City Hall

Remote Meeting Location: WebEx

Members Present: Vice Chairman Donny Stevenson, Councilmember Jay Mills, Councilmember Jeremy Takala, Cece Hoffman, Esther Lucero, Derrick Belgarde, and Asia Tail

Members Excused: Councilmember Suzanne Sailto, Jaci McCormack

City of Seattle Staff Present: Melia Brooks (Department of Neighborhoods), Jackie Mena (Department of Neighborhoods), and Francesca Murnan (Department of Neighborhoods)

Notes shown below are summaries of statements provided. They are not transcriptions and have been shortened and edited to include the major points raised.

Items

1	Welcome and Opening Blessing	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and blessing by Councilmember Jay Mills	
2	Brief Introductions	10 min
3	<u>Generational Wealth Initiative</u>	30 min
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Melia Brooks & Jackie Mena, Department of Neighborhoods, presented an overview of the Generational Wealth Initiative (GWI) with an emphasis on community engagement with Indigenous communities and highlights of Indigenous partners that are informing this evolving body of work that is currently funded through 2024. GWI staff are also tasked with implementation of the Payroll Expenses Tax Oversight Committee – a City commission to oversee future PETF investments.• Generational wealth- investments that protect and grow assets that people are able to transfer between generations.• The GWI creates impact by:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ City Alignment: Uniting City departments to align around a shared vision of wealth building and equity,○ Community Engagement: Creating multiple avenues for two-way community engagement that generate consistent guidance and feedback,○ BIPOC-Identified Strategies: Identifying innovative wealth-building strategies created by and for BIPOC communities, and○ Direct Investment: Investing directly in solutions and policies identified and supported by community.• Members discussed and echoed Indigenous approaches to wealth that center reciprocity and abundance to center the health and well-being of the whole person, whole community/nation, and environment. Discussion re-enforced that the traditional values of local tribal communities do not measure wealth through capitalism or western frameworks of health. Linked	

that Land Back movements and tribal enterprises are also generational wealth strategies.

- Members shared GW examples of Tribe purchasing back tribal lands and developing program to subsidize tribal homeownership on tribal lease land, tribally developed townhomes to create new homeownership opportunities and tribally run financial health and education services. GW example of urban Native housing as a community asset that is GW for individuals and community as a whole.
- Acknowledgement of systemic oppression and institutional racism that has resulted in Black and Indigenous communities being most impacted by loss of GW opportunities. Expression of solidarity to address communities most impacted. Expression of the unique role of tribal governments as sovereign nations addressing GW for tribal members.
- GWI identified next steps as continued community conversations to assess and identify community-led GW strategies to support and explore ways to redirect existing City resources to strategies that support GW.

4 **Business Items**

Approval of the Agenda

- Approved with changes

Approval of the Minutes

- Approved with no changes

Special Meeting – Planning Session

- Approved

5 **Planning Session**

40 min

- Reminder that mileage and travel expenses are eligible for reimbursement
 - Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please contact Francesca with any dietary restrictions.
 - Introduction to Eddie Sherman, Principal at Against the Current Consulting.
 - Member discussion to prepare for planning session. Themes included a desire for relationship building, information sharing, defining of group processes, and visioning of the role of the IAC in driving systemic changes and ensuring City accountability on issues that impact Indigenous communities.
 - Preliminary priority areas and issues discussed were themed around Indigenous placemaking, tribal and urban Native enterprise, Native commerce, and models for creative critical/urban Native partnerships, culturally attuned housing stability, and generational wealth strategies. Other themes included a desire to influence budgets, legislation, and administrative policy.
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6	Member Announcements	5 min
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cece debriefed and shared updates on efforts to strength relationships among urban Native organizations and the Office of Planning and Community Development.	
7	Hybrid Public Comment	10 min
	Required public comment period for community members to speak to agenda items	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No requests for public comment	
8	Closing & Next Steps	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Planning Session 1 – Wednesday, January 18th 9am-2pm</i>• <i>Planning Session 2 – Monday, February 13th 2pm-5pm</i>• <i>Quarter 1 invoicing (January 1 – March 31) due April 4, 2023.</i>	
